

As the lead co-sponsor of [H.R. 80](#) , the Captive Primate Safety Act, I was pleased to see it pass the House today by a vote of 323-95. This important legislation would make it illegal for any individual to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire, or purchase primates.

We all saw the recent media coverage of Travis, a 200-pound chimpanzee, as he attacked a 55-year-old woman in Connecticut. Travis, a popular figure in his hometown who appeared in television commercials and posed for photographs, inflicted such massive injuries on the victim that she now awaits a face transplant.

This gruesome incident highlights that keeping a primate for a pet is both dangerous to the owner and inhumane to the animal. Supported by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, the Humane Society of the United States and the Jane Goodall Institute among others, this legislation will put an end to such needless tragedies.



Travis the chimpanzee